

Legion Auxiliary has been a community blessing for 100 years

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 57 is celebrating its 100th year of service to our community.

The volunteers that are part of the Legion Auxiliary have a heart for improving Lake City and Columbia County and taking care of the veterans here. They have routinely showed that over their 100 years of service, formed after the Legion built a permanent home in 1925. During their century of service, the Auxiliary volunteers regularly give of their time and money to help out at the Lake City VA Hospital and the Jenkins Domiciliary, doing what they can to provide for our local heroes.

But they also send care packages to our servicemen and women overseas and also support schools, children's organizations and other charitable causes.

The Auxiliary is one of the stalwart civic organizations that help make our community great and we are blessed to have them here, continuing to give back after 100 years.

As remarkable as that achievement is for any organization, just as amazing is the commitment from some of the Auxiliary members like Katherine Pierce. Pierce was honored as the organization's celebration as the oldest member at 97 years old. She has been a member for more than 50 years, focused on children's events. Irma Wehrli, meanwhile, has been a member of the Auxiliary for 68 years as she was enrolled at birth.

A lifetime of devotion to others is what makes the Auxiliary and all of our civic organizations a blessing to our community and certainly they both have exhibited that trait.

Happy 100th to the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 57.